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137	10/16/52	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
138	2/26/53	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	1	1	
139 ✓	12/9/52	LETTER ANOTHER GOVT AGENCY TO HQ w/ COPY + ENCLOSURES	1	0	Referred
NR	1/22/53	BRANIGAN TO BELMONT MEMO w/ LHM	1	0	Referred
NR	1/22/53	BRANIGAN TO BELMONT MEMO w/ 2 COPIES OF AN LHM	1	0	Referred
NR	2/9/53	LETTER HQ TO NY	3	3	
140	2/2/53	NY REPORT TO HQ w/ 3 COPIES	3	12	9 Dups
"140	2/2/53	LETTER NY TO HQ w/ COPY	2	4	2 Dups
140	3/10/53	LETTER HQ TO AAG	1	1	
141	4/6/53	"CHANGED TO" MEMO	1	1	
NR	3/12/53	LETTER NY TO HQ	10	3	
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NR	11/29/54	LETTER BOSTON TO HQ	12	12	
NR	8/19/54	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
143	5/19/55	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
143	6/6/55	LETTER HQ TO GOV'T. AG.	2	2	
144	6/6/55	LETTER HQ TO GOV'T AG.	1	1	
145	5/29/56	LETTER NY TO HQ	1	1	
145X	11/3/58	MEMO NEASE TO TOLSON	1	1	
NR	6/21/55	LETTER NY TO HQ	2	2	
NR	11/26/56	MEMO AULL TO BRANIGAN	1	1	
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NR	11/12/59	LETTER NY TO HQ	2	2	
147	12/9/58	LETTER WFO TO HQ	4	0	Referred
148	12/17/58	MEMO. BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	3	0	Referred
149	12/17/58	AIRTEL WFO TO HQ	1	1	
149	1/2/59	LETTER HQ TO WFO	1	1	
150	11/12/59	LETTER SEN. COMM. TO TOLSON	1	1	
NR	11/24/59	MEMO BRANIGAN TO BELMONT	2	2	
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SAC, New York (97-13)

WORLD TOURIST INCORPORATED  
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THUMBAIL SKETCH

The thumbnail sketch on the above organization has been changed to read as follows:

World Tourist Inc. was chartered as a New York Corporation operating as a travel agency on June 10, 1927, according to records of the New York County Clerk's office.

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(D) stated in an interview in 1940 that World Tourist was a travel bureau organized to become a source of money for the "Daily Worker", East coast communist newspaper, and other CP functions, and to stimulate tourist travel to the U. S. S. R. In 1930 GOODMAN was informed by JOSEPH BRODSKY, CP lawyer and then head of World Tourist, that he was being replaced by JACOB GOLOS as manager of the company.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, confessed Soviet espionage agent and courier, stated in November, 1945, that she knew JACOB GOLOS from 1938 until his death on 11/25/43. Shortly after becoming acquainted with him, she became involved in Soviet espionage activity with him in NYC and Washington, D. C. Although Miss BENTLEY could not state definitely that the company was used as a cover by GOLOS, he was known by her to be active in Soviet espionage while he operated the company. World Tourist and JACOB RAISIN, wa: N. N. Golos, were convicted for failure to register as agents of the U. S. S. R. government on 3/15/40. Following this, GOLOS told BENTLEY he desired to have one American company to handle all tourist, shipping, and other matters between the U. S. and Russia. Thereafter, U. S. Shipping and Service Corp. (U.S.S.S.) was formed, \$15,000 of the necessary money being furnished by EARL BROWDER, then CP National Secretary. The basic purpose of this company was to ship packages to Russia, and World Tourist became its receiving agent. As an officer of U.S.S.S., BENTLEY handled many of its affairs and after GOLOS' death, became acting manager of World Tourist. In April, 1945, one LOUIS BERDANSKY became manager. U.S.S.S. went out of business in October, 1946.

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Registrations of World Tourist and/or U. S. S. S. under Foreign Agents Registration Acts, reflect they had contracts with Intourist, a U.S.S.R. government agency dealing in tourist and shipping matters.

LOUIS BERDANSKY was interviewed 11/18/53, by SAS ROBERT F. HUNWINGHAKE, and WILLIAM F. KLEIN. He stated the Intourist contract was terminated in May, 1951, and World Tourist became inactive. After reorganization he changed the name of the company to Louis Berdansky Travel Agency in August, 1951, and to Berdell Travel Agency, in June, 1953.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (61-6328)

DATE: 10/16/52

FROM : SAC, New York (97-13)

SUBJECT: WORLD TOURIST, INC.,  
New York, New York  
(Registration Number 435)  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950;  
REGISTRATION ACT

Rebulet 10/15/52.

Report submitted 10/15/52 by SA Harold V. Cates

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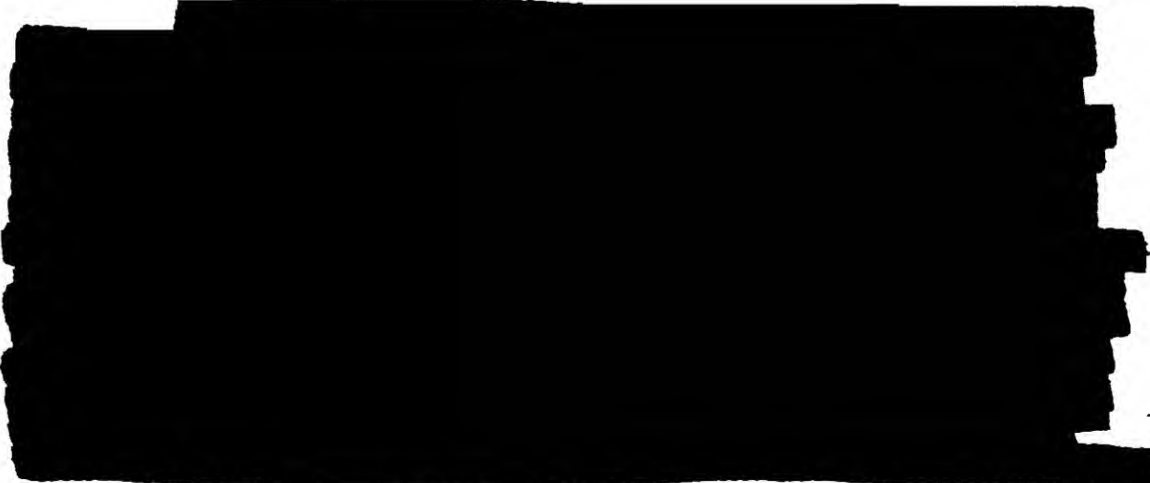
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/2/53</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/8,9,13/53</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>HAROLD V. CATES</b>
TITLE <b>WORLD TOURISTS INC. New York, N.Y. (Registration #485)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950 REGISTRATION ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reliable source advises LOUIS BERDANSKY has been located at 553 5th Ave. NYC since November, 1951, where he has operated under the name of LOUIS BERDANSKY Travel Agency. Mail addressed to World Tourists Inc. accepted by BERDANSKY. Records of County Clerk, New York County reveal BERDANSKY filed Business Certificate #9854-1951, on 8/7/51 reflecting he was doing business under name LOUIS BERDANSKY Travel Agency.

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COPIES OF THIS REPORT ⑤ Bureau (61-6328) 3 New York (97-13)		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">61-6328-140</div> <div style="text-align: center;">FEB 4 1953</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">RECORDED-1</div>

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FROM : SAC, NY (97-13)

SUBJECT: WORLD TOURISTS INC.

New York, N. Y.

(Registration #485)

INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950

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Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

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Director, FBI

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Reference is made to the letter from the Criminal Division dated August 6, 1952, reference JEM:WIF:JSK:and 149-3700, and to the summary report of Special Agent Harold V. Cates, dated October 15, 1952, at New York, New York, a copy of which was furnished to the Records Administration Branch of the Department.

Attached is a copy of the report of Special Agent Harold V. Cates, dated February 2, 1953, at New York, New York, which completes the investigation in this matter, it being noted that World Tourists, Inc., went out of business in August, 1951, and its former director and general manager, Louis Berdansky, has been doing business since November, 1951, under the name of Louis Berdansky Travel Agency.

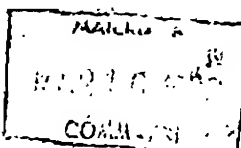
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: APR 29 1954

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-29100)

SUBJECT: FRANCES HOPE DAVIS, nee WILE  
Aka, Mrs. Robert Gorman Davis,  
Mrs. George Patrick Wood, Mrs. Claud  
Cockburn, Mrs. Hermann Frunck  
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Reference is made to the pending report of SA JAMES T. SULLIVAN dated April 26, 1954, at Boston in captioned matter, copies of which are being sent to Albany, Atlanta, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, New York, Omaha, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Washington Field.

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As set out in referenced report, Mrs. DAVIS was interviewed at her Northampton, Massachusetts, home on March 22, 1954, by Special Agents JAMES T. SULLIVAN and ISMAEL T. WOODBURY of the Boston Division.

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Professor DAVIS was interviewed on January 11, 1954, by SAs JAMES T. SULLIVAN and ISMAEL T. WOODBURY and proved extremely cooperative. Thereafter he advised the Boston Office that his wife wished to provide information regarding her Communist Party activities at Washington, D.C. and New York City in the middle 1930's.

The Bureau, Albany, New York, Washington Field Office, and Boston had no information concerning the Communist Party activities of Mrs. DAVIS under her maiden name and present marriage name. Instant interview developed the information of three previous marriages and leads were set out to conduct indices checks under the additional names used by subject through the years.

Mrs. DAVIS was extremely cooperative during instant interview and stated she would be perfectly willing to discuss not only her own activities but the activities of others whom she knew in the Communist Party and related front organizations. She pointed out, however, that her memory has become extremely cloudy concerning the identity of many such individuals and that while she can describe these persons accurately she cannot now recall their names. She pointed out further that she has done voluminous reading of the various exposés of the Communist Party published since 1940 and that she has reached a point now where at times she cannot recall whether she has personal knowledge of various events or whether she has read this information in such publications as the House Committee Reports, various Senatorial Investigating Committee Reports, the published works of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ELIZABETH BENTLEY, RALPH DE TOLEDANO, and other individuals.

Boston has made arrangements to recontact Mrs. DAVIS as often as is necessary and will refresh her memory for information regarding her activities in the period 1934 - 1937. Subsequent interviews will attempt to ascertain her knowledge of the degree of Communist Party infiltration in the publishing field and among writers and likewise will attempt to ascertain whether she has knowledge of Communist Party activities in Massachusetts from 1939 to 1954.

Inasmuch as all offices receiving copies of this letter have received copies of its accompanying report that information concerning individuals named by Mrs. DAVIS in connection with Communist Party activities will be set out herein.

Mrs. DAVIS stated that in the fall or winter of 1934 she and her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK, had been recruited into the Communist Party by JOHN DONOVAN, who at that time was employed by the N.R.A. at Washington, D.C. She described JOHN DONOVAN as a "sensational character," who was employed by Section 7A of the N.R.A. and as an individual whom N.R.A. authorities had tried to fire because of his Communist Party activities. She stated that JOHN DONOVAN was a close friend of HAROLD WHEE, who had set up the Communist apparatus in the Federal Government and that DONOVAN came from the New York City area and had studied at Columbia University.

JOHN DONOVAN's wife, ELIZABETH DONOVAN, was likewise known to Mrs. DAVIS as a secret member of a concealed cell of the Communist Party at Washington during the years 1935 and 1936. She stated that she could not recall having met Mrs. ELIZABETH DONOVAN but from records maintained by HERMANN BRUNCK and from other sources she was aware that ELIZABETH DONOVAN had been in the Communist Party. It is her understanding that JOHN and ELIZABETH DONOVAN have been divorced and that ELIZABETH DONOVAN subsequently took up residence in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area. Mrs. DAVIS does not know whether ELIZABETH DONOVAN subsequently remarried.

Mrs. DAVIS stated that each unit of the Communist Party as set up by HAROLD WHEE was comprised of about 5 individuals. She stated that at the first meeting she attended there were present along with herself, her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK, CHARLES KRAMER, and his wife, MILDRED KRAMER,

and Mrs. MARION BACHRACH. Mrs. DAVIS pointed out in regard to CHARLES KRAMER that she also knew this individual as CHARLES KRAVITSKY. She stated that CHARLES and MILDRED KRAMER at this time resided in the 1800 block of a street in North West Washington which ran parallel to such streets as Euclid, Fairman, Girard, Harvard, and Irving Streets. She stated that KRAMER at that time was employed by an organization she believed was called "Consumer's Council" and that his wife, MILDRED, as of that time was a housewife and had no outside employments.

Mrs. DAVIS thereafter identified JOHN AET, MARION BACHRACH, NATHAN "NAT" WITT, LEE PRESSMAN, VICTOR PERLO, and ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN as individuals known to her as Communist Party members. She stated that the above named, other than SILVERMAN, were in her Communist Party unit and that SILVERMAN was in the Communist Party unit headed by her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK.

She likewise identified HENRY COLLINS as another devoted Communist Party member and stated that many Communist Party meetings were held in the HENRY COLLINS' residence, a converted stable, situated in a block in the center of Washington, D.C.

Subject subsequently identified JESSICA SMITH, who at that time was the wife of HAROLD WARE, as another Communist Party member well known to her. She stated that HAROLD WARE had organized the various groups infiltrating the Federal Government and that Mrs. JESSICA SMITH WARE had certain specific functions to handle for the Communist Party, the exact nature of which was unknown to Mrs. DAVIS.

Mrs. DAVIS stated she has never attended Communist Party meetings with JESSICA SMITH but inasmuch as JESSICA SMITH had been in contact with J. PETERS, Soviet espionage agent in 1937 and had later married NATHAN WITT, another Communist Party member, after the death of her first husband, HAROLD WARE, Mrs. DAVIS has no doubt whatever of JESSICA SMITH's Communist Party membership.

Concerning LEE PRESSMAN's wife, Mrs. DAVIS stated that during 1935 and 1936, as best she recalls, this individual, whose first name she cannot recall, was not a Communist Party member. She stated she can recall small talk indicating that Mrs. LEE PRESSMAN had made various reservations concerning the Communist Party and had indicated to her husband and his Communist Party friends that she preferred a more conventional way of life. Whether this individual subsequently joined the Communist Party Mrs. DAVIS stated she could not know and would only conjecture that she thought not.

Mrs. DAVIS identified VICTOR PERLO as another individual who was well known to her as a Communist Party member during this particular period. She recalled that PERLO was single at the time of their first meeting and

that subsequently he had married a girl who also became a Communist Party member. Mrs. DAVIS could not recall the name of PERLO's wife. She described him as a very "strange character," who at times acted like an adolescent and who at times exhibited what she termed a "retarded character. She stated that PERLO was very emotionally immature and was like a child in that he could be readily advised and easily led by his fellow Communist Party members. She pointed out, however, that VICTO PERLO was an individual "I could be frightened of." She stated she feels PERLO "could never be reached to give up the Communist Party inasmuch as he is a complete fanatic, sincerely devoted to Communism."

Mrs. DAVIS stated she knew ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN very slightly and recalled that he used the name GEORGE SILVERMAN. She recalled SILVERMAN was extremely nervous at all times and appeared "scared as a rabbit that his activities would be discovered." She stated that for this reason Party members and leaders found SILVERMAN extremely hard to handle despite his devotion to the Communist Party cause. She recalled particularly meeting ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN at a time when her husband, HERMAN BRUNCK was in the last stages of his mental illness when SILVERMAN expressed fear that possibly BRUNCK in his mad ravings might expose the identity of Communist Party members such as SILVERMAN.

Returning then to the question of the Communist Party membership of HENRY COLLINS, Mrs. DAVIS stated that, while she originally stated she could not recall the identity of the individual who collected Communist Party dues, she feels now that HENRY COLLINS was actually the Financial Secretary more or less for these various Communist Party cells. She stated she thought HENRY COLLINS was married at that time but could not recall his wife and would not be willing to make a positive statement regarding his marital status at that time.

Mrs. DAVIS also identified as an extremely well concealed Communist Party member Mrs. LEN de CAUK. She identified this individual's husband as the individual in charge of publicity for the CIO during the late 1940's and pointed out that it is possible LEN de CAUK himself was not a Communist Party member inasmuch as his wife took great pains to conceal her Communist Party membership not only from outsiders but from her husband as well.

Concerning MARION BACHRACH, Mrs. DAVIS recalled that this individual was a housewife whose husband was not at all sympathetic to the philosophy of Communists. Mrs. DAVIS stated that she had been unusually friendly with MARION BACHRACH inasmuch as Mrs. BACHRACH had taken care of her and had offered solace and comfort following the death of HERMAN BRUNCK.

At this time in the interview Mrs. DAVIS made the statement that, despite the great amount of publicity afforded ALGER HISS and his brother, DONALD HISS, in the public press, she as of this time cannot recall having known these individuals as Communist Party members, nor can she recall hearing

from the above named individuals that the MISS brothers were members of the Communist Party as of this time.

It was at this point in the interview that Mrs. DAVIS was questioned concerning possible access she had to secret Government files. She stated that while she had no access to such files she had been asked to obtain nutritional formulae from Department of Agriculture sources, inasmuch as her position in the Department provided easy access to these formulae.

She then mentioned in this same contact that her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK, while employed by the F.L.R.E., had been ordered by an unknown Communist Party official to contact "big persons" in New York City regarding Communist Party activities and especially Communist Party strategy on the New York City waterfront. She specifically named JOE CURRAN of the Maritime Union in New York as a Communist Party member whom HERMANN BRUNCK met periodically at New York to discuss Communist Party strategy.

Mrs. DAVIS recalled that HERMANN BRUNCK "became a nervous wreck" as a result of these secret meetings, inasmuch as he by nature was not a devious individual and wanted no part of any underground and/or secret manipulations in the interest of the Communist Party. However, he was sufficiently disciplined by the Communist Party to see CURRAN at New York City when BRUNCK's schedule called for a trip to the New York area.

Mrs. DAVIS stated that at this time she could not recall whether other individuals at New York City had sat in on these meetings but specifically recalled JOE CURRAN's name being used by her husband.

Returning then to the subject of J. PETERS, Mrs. DAVIS stated she knew this individual as "PETE" and "STEVE" and recalled that on at least one occasion and possibly more he had lectured to Communist Party units at Washington on the topic of "Democratic Centralism."

As pointed out in the details of accompanying report, she recalled that, when her husband, HERMANN BRUNCK, had inquired of PETERS the reason for the severity of a Communist Party review of a literary work of SIDNEY HOOK, PETERS had replied that the Communist Party could not treat a renegade as a human being.

She recalled also that in the spring of 1937 at New York City when JESSICA SMITH had made arrangements for her to talk to J. PETERS concerning her withdrawal from the Communist Party, PETERS had been very kind to her and expressed his understanding of her confused mental condition following the death of HERMANN BRUNCK. Mrs. DAVIS was unable to recall specifically whether in her meetings with J. PETERS she had heard him express anything which might give a clue to some of the project



he headed in this country for the Communist Party.

She pointed out that she feels she has never met ELIZABETH BENTLEY, whose picture she has seen in the public press on numerous occasions and likewise does not recognize the name JACOB GOLOS, BENTLEY's superior in Soviet espionage. She stated it is possible, however, that she met GOLOS and might have known him under an alias.

Concerning Communist Party membership records, Mrs. DAVIS feels that VICTOR FERLO "probably was the individual delegated with the handling of these records because of his fanaticism and devotion to the Party." She stated she cannot be definite on this point, however, but recalls that records were kept but that their distribution and handling were carefully done because of the names involved and the secretiveness insisted on by HAROLD WARE.

It is her best recollection that HENRY COLLINS acted as Treasurer for the units she has knowledge of. She stated, however, that once again she is guessing on this point but added that somewhere in the back of her head she has a recollection that money was turned over to HENRY COLLINS for eventual distribution to a more highly placed Party official.

In the spring of 1937, following the death of her husband, Mrs. DAVIS took a position as a writer with "New Masses," which at that time was edited by JOSEPH FREEMAN, whom Mrs. DAVIS knew as a Communist Party member. In her several conversations with FREEMAN, Mrs. DAVIS happened to let slip information placing her in the Communist Party and providing hints as to the identity of the activities of Communist Party functionaries known to her and other information which, to an individual of FREEMAN's mental acuity, might expose various individuals.

Mrs. DAVIS thereupon decided to talk this matter over with JESSICA SMITH, who at that time was editing "Soviet Russia Today." JESSICA sent her to an apartment in the West 20's or West 30's in New York City where the above mentioned interview with J. PETERS took place. Mrs. DAVIS recalled that "with tears in my eyes I told him I had been undependable and had perhaps unwittingly exposed the operations of the Washington units of the Party. J. PETERS expressed his understanding and stated kindly that perhaps no damage had been done and thereupon excused her from further participation in the Party's activities.

Mrs. DAVIS stated she has not seen JESSICA SMITH since that time but is aware that, following the death of HAROLD WARE, JESSICA became the wife of JOHN ADT.

She stated that either JESSICA SMITH or J. PETERS or "STEVE" as Mrs. DAVIS named him, and "most likely it was 'STEVE'," asked her to make available one room in her Banks Street apartment to store a file case containing papers. Mrs. DAVIS recalled that this file cabinet consisted of 3 or 4 drawers and was kept locked at all times. She never did see the contents of this file cabinet, she claims.

She stated that, shortly after she had given permission for the Party to store this file cabinet in her apartment, an individual, who called himself "YOUNG" and whose first name she never did ascertain, began visiting the apartment almost on a daily basis for months, during which time he spent hours in poring over the various papers contained in the file cabinet.

Mrs. DAVIS described him as a white male who in 1937 was in his forties. She stated he had no particularly distinguishing marks but had a full head of black hair, dark eyes, and had been a hatter by trade for many years and as a result of this had made a great deal of money. She expressed the belief that "YOUNG" was a Latvian by birth and had been a long-time Communist Party member whose only contact in the United States was EARL BROWDER or persons more highly placed in the Communist Party hierarchy.

She recalled that he had a wife and child in the Soviet Union but had been forced to leave them there upon taking up a specific function in the United States. He impressed on Mrs. DAVIS during much of the time he spent going over his papers that he was supposed "never to talk to anyone." She stated that "YOUNG" was a kind and gentle man who had a very soft speaking voice and likewise was a person "whose loneliness I have never seen equalled."

She further recalled that in the 1920's "YOUNG" supposedly had worked in the New York City area for unknown companies in connection with his trade as a hatter. Although stating that she had not seen any of the papers in the file cabinet maintained by "YOUNG," Mrs. DAVIS stated that at least on one occasion "YOUNG" had flashed before her a paper indicating that the Communist Party had intercepted mail from a person in the employ of LEON TROTSKY.

From other remarks made by "YOUNG" at this time and perhaps on other occasions, but the exact wording of which she cannot now recall, Mrs. DAVIS leans to the belief that "YOUNG" at that time was possibly engaged in the Communist Party plot to infiltrate LEON TROTSKY's organization and also that "YOUNG" in 1937 might have had over-all supervision of the plans that led to the assassination of LEON TROTSKY several years later in Mexico City.

It is pointed out to all offices receiving copies of this letter that the Bureau by airtel to New York dated March 24, 1954, following receipt of Boston airtel dated March 22, 1954, has made New York office of origin in a 65 classification case on FNU "YOUNG." Boston, upon its reinterview of Mrs. DAVIS, will question her at great length concerning this Soviet Agent.

Mrs. DAVIS recalls seeing ELLA REEVE FLOOR, HAROLD WARE's mother, who was known in the Communist Party as "Mother" FLOOR, on several occasions. She

stated she talked briefly to "Mother" BLOOR but had nothing to do with her and cannot comment on "Mother" BLOOR's activities in the Communist Party.

Mrs. DAVIS identified JEAN KARSAVINA as perhaps the only person she had recruited into the Communist Party. She identified JEAN KARSAVINA as an individual of Polish extraction who had graduated from Smith College at Northampton, Massachusetts, and was employed as a secretary in Washington, D.C. in a governmental agency. She recalled JEAN KARSAVINA had a married sister named FATTERSON (phonetic) and that JEAN KARSAVINA had visited Mrs. DAVIS during 1937 while on vacation from her job at Washington, D.C.

She stated that Miss KARSAVINA had been on the point of joining the Communist Party and had discussed particular points of the philosophy of Communism with Mrs. DAVIS and had joined the Party when Mrs. DAVIS clarified the points bothering this individual. Mrs. DAVIS stated she does not know where this individual is at the present time and whether she is employed by the Federal Government.

While discussing her own biographical data, Mrs. DAVIS mentioned FRANCES HOPE HALE CRYSTAL, the daughter of her brother, MAC FARLAND HALE. Mrs. DAVIS stated that FRANCES HALE CRYSTAL, who resides in New Jersey, was believed by her to be a Communist Party member but pointed out that she had no definite information indicating this to be a fact. She further pointed out that, "My brother MAC is extremely conservative" and indirectly might have been the cause of his daughter's joining the Communist Party due either to his lack of understanding of her or his refusal to give her proper guidance and counsel.

Mrs. DAVIS recalled that word reached her in the middle forties that FRANCES HALE was at that time keeping company with an individual known to her family as a member of the Jewish religion and as a possible Communist Party member. Mrs. DAVIS was asked by the family members to talk to FRANCES HALE in the hope that Mrs. DAVIS could disillusion FRANCES regarding the Communist Party and its members. She thereupon invited FRANCES to her summer home on Cape Cod, expecting to provide her sufficient information on the Party so that FRANCES would give up DANIEL CRYSTAL and call off the marriage. Instead, FRANCES appeared at the Cape Cod summer home and advised Mrs. DAVIS she had already married DANIEL CRYSTAL and that they were then on their honeymoon trip. Mrs. DAVIS thereupon made no reference to the Communist Party to her niece.

She stated also that her sister, the wife of ROLLO WHITE, of Melbourne, Florida, is not a Communist Party member or a member of any cited organizations, according to her best knowledge. She stated that following the testimony of Professor ROBERT GORMAN DAVIS before the H.C.U.A. in

February, 1953, Mrs. ROLLO BRITTON had commended Professor DAVIS for his stand taken before the H.C.U.A. Mrs. DAVIS feels that had her sister and her husband been affiliated with any organizations similar to the Communist Party they definitely would not have written a commendatory letter to Professor DAVIS.

As has been set out earlier in this letter, it is again pointed out that the interview of Mrs. DAVIS necessarily had to be terminated when her two school age children arrived home from school. The bulk of this interview was taken up in the obtaining of biographical and background information on Mrs. DAVIS and her first three husbands. The information concerning individuals mentioned in instant letter was made in passing by Mrs. DAVIS and subsequent interviews will be directed to enlarging the scope of information on these individuals held by Mrs. DAVIS.

The results of subsequent interviews will be reported to the Bureau and interested offices.

Director, FBI (134-435)

8/19/54

SAC, New York (65-14603)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

WORLD TOURISTS INC. C.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

ReBuairtel 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE,  
ESPIONAGE - R".

Re airtel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be channelized to the appropriate individual files.

References pertaining to World Tourists are found in the book on pages 113-117, 119, 120, 122, 123, 127, 128, 133, 136, 138, 142, 154, 163, 188, 201, 209, 210, 223, 224, 228, 230, 235, 244, 272, and 276.

References pertaining to U.S. Shipping and Service Corp., which organization was closely affiliated with World Tourists, are found in the book on pages 130, 131, 133, 153, 161, 162, 163, 209, 268, 269, 290, 291, 293 and 306. In addition, information having to do with the formation of the organization which later became known as U.S. Shipping and Service Corp., is found beginning at page 123.

A review of the information on both corporations found in the book is for the most part, in substance, similar to that furnished by Miss BENTLEY in her signed statement of November 30, 1945 (NY 65-14603-264). Inasmuch as U.S. Shipping and Service Corp. is now defunct and World Tourists is virtually defunct, particularly as it was organized and operated during the period of BENTLEY'S association with it, no dissemination of clippings from the book is being made to the World Tourist case file.

However, a copy of instant letter is being designated for the World Tourist file and attention is directed to the fact that a copy of "Out of Bondage" is maintained in the NYO library should further review of the above mentioned references become desirable in the future.

- 1 - Bureau (97-3030) (WORLD TOURISTS)
- 1 - Bureau (65-56402) (GREGORY CASE)
- 1 - New York (97-13) (WORLD TOURISTS)
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TO; DIRECTOR, FBI (6328)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (97-13)

WORLD TOURIST, INC., NEW YORK, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: (REGISTRATION NUMBER 465)

ISA, 1950; REGISTRATION ACT

Rebulet to NY 3/24/55, captioned, "LOUIS GIBARTI; IS-R," which signified the Bureau desired that immediate steps be taken to correct the previous characterization of LOUIS GIBARTI in all reports and letters prepared in the past. Rebulet directed that in all instances information furnished by GIBARTI should be attributed to GIBARTI by name. He should be characterized as "an alleged former Comintern representative whose credibility is not known since he has in the past furnished both reliable and unreliable information." Rebulet additionally instructed that the characterization be inserted on all copies of the communication in ink, noting the date of change and the initials of the person making the change.

In accordance with the above, the following communication has been changed in the NYO to properly attribute the information to GIRARTI by name and characterization:

(Rpt., Letter (Airtel, Etc.) Report	(Date)	(Agent's Name)	(Place Where Made)	(Page Numbers)	(T-Symbol)
	10/15/52	SA HAROLD V. CATES	New York	89,90,101	(T-27)


Where this communication was a report, the information corresponding to the T-symbol number for GIDARTI on the informant page has been marked "Deleted."

It is requested that the Bureau and all interested offices who received copies of the communication make changes on all copies in their possession.

It is to be noted that copies of this communication were disseminated locally to the following NY agencies: None

These agencies have been advised by separate letter of GIBARTI'S new characterization and they have been advised that they may desire to change their copy of the communication accordingly.

It is noted that a copy of the above communication was disseminated locally to None . It is requested that the Office notify this agency in writing, making reference to the communication which has been changed, that GIBARTI'S credibility cannot be evaluated since he is known to have furnished both reliable and unreliable information and the agency may desire to change the copy of the communication in its possession accordingly.

cc - Los Angeles (105-761) (RM) 

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Date: June 6, 1955

To: Director (orig. & 1)  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WORLD TOURIST, INCORPORATED, NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
(REGISTRATION NUMBER 485)  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to the report of SA Harold V. Cates dated October 15, 1952, at New York, captioned as above, single copies of which were disseminated to your Agency, Bureau of Customs, and Office of International Trade, Department of Commerce, on October 24, 1952.

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cc - 1 - Mr. Chester A. Emerick  
Deputy Commissioner, Investigations  
Bureau of Customs  
Room 7048  
Internal Revenue Service Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

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cc - 1 - Mr. D. P. Medalie  
Director  
Investigation Staff  
Bureau of Foreign Commerce  
Room 3319  
Department of Commerce  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Mr. Armando di Girolamo, Chief (orig. 2 )  
Records Administration Branch

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cc - 1 - The Commissioner  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

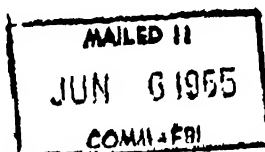
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-6328)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (97-13)

SUBJECT: WORLD TOURIST INCORPORATED  
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DATE:

The present thumbnail sketch of above captioned organization is current and accurate and no changes are being made.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: November 3, 1958

FROM : G. A. NEASE

SUBJECT:

*World Tourist, Inc.*

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Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Ben Mandel of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee called me this afternoon. He stated there has come into the possession of the Subcommittee eleven cash books of the old World Tourist Agency. He stated they are Photostats as the original cash books had been destroyed by World Tourist. He stated that these books contain about 150 pages each and there are approximately 40 names to the page of individuals with whom World Tourist did business. He stated they have never been placed in the hearings and the thought occurred to him that we might wish to make Photostats of them in order that we could index the names in our file. He stated, of course, some names would be of no interest to us such as the Greyhound Bus Company but that the names of the individuals thereon might be of some value. I told him I would let him know.

RECOMMENDATION: That this be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for their consideration as to whether we desire to secure these documents.

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TO : W. A. Br <sup>11/26/52</sup> ~~igan~~

FROM: *H. A. Amel*

*Jacob Golos, was.  
Esp - R - (Deceased)*

*EMG*  
Captioned case has been reviewed and careful consideration given to the advisability of any reinterviews, interviews or other action which may now appear warranted. In the event such now appears desirable, necessary action is being initiated.

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TO : W. A. Branigan, <sup>BK</sup>

FROM: W. A. Branigan

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*Jacob Golos*

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• Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: 11-6-58

FROM : W. A. Branigan

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Branigan  
1 - Mr. Nease  
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SUBJECT: WORLD TOURIST, INCORPORATED  
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*A memo from Mr. Nease to Mr. Tolson dated 11-3-58*

pointed out that Ben Mandel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee <sup>Candy</sup> has in his possession 11 cash books of the old World Tourist Agency; that these are Photostats of the original cash books which were destroyed by World Tourist; and, that these books contain about 150 pages each of approximately 40 names to a page showing the identities of individuals of whom World Tourist did business. Mandel indicated to Mr. Nease that the Bureau might want to make Photostats of these documents for indexing purposes and noted that some of the items would not be of interest because they included such names as the Greyhound Bus Company. Mr. Nease's memo recommended that the Domestic Intelligence Division give consideration as to desirability of securing these documents.

In connection with the investigation of World Tourist, Incorporated, the Bufile 61-6328 Serial 16 reflects that on 3-16-44 WFO advised that the Department of State had subpoenaed certain records of World Tourist, Incorporated, in connection with its investigation of passport frauds and that at that time Mr. Nicholas indicated that the Passport Division had in its files Photostat copies of the travel orders and of the ledgers covering the account relating to each person mentioned in the A. Blake account, the Primoff account and the Primoff Students T.U.U.L. Delegates account. Other reports submitted by the New York Office in connection with investigation of World Tourist, Incorporated, indicated that a review has previously been made of the available records of World Tourist in connection with the prosecution of that Agency for violation of the Registration Act in 1940.

It is possible that in this connection accounts obtained by Mr. Mandel have been previously reviewed by the Bureau. —

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**EX 105**

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Prior to requesting that Mandel furnish these accounts to be Photostated, it is recommended that the account books be examined by an agent of the Washington Field Office to determine whether this information has been previously obtained by the Bureau and whether the information in Mandel's possession is the same as that available in the files of the State Department. It is suggested that Mr. Mandel be advised that the Bureau would like to have an agent examine the material in order that it can be determined whether we have previously reviewed it. If you agree with the above recommendation, WFO will be instructed to have an agent contact Mandel for the purpose outlined above.

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TO: SAC, Washington Field

FROM: Director, FBI (61-6328) 146

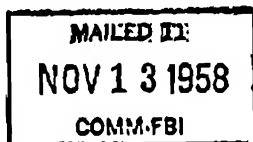
WORLD TOURIST, INCORPORATED  
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The Bureau has been advised by Ben Mandel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, that he has in his possession eleven cash books of the old World Tourist Agency; that these are Photostats of the original cash books of the World Tourist; that the books contain about 150 pages each with approximately 40 names on each page showing the identities of individuals with whom World Tourist did business. Mandel inquired as to whether the Bureau had these documents or copies of them.

Bufiles reflect that a report submitted by the Washington Field Office under date of 3-16-44 in the captioned case referred to records of World Tourist, Inc., which were subpoenaed by the Department of State in connection with investigations of passport frauds. The report indicates that Photostats of certain ledgers were available at the Department of State. Other reports submitted by the New York Office indicate various records of World Tourist were reviewed in connection with the prosecution of that Agency for violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act in 1940.

In order to determine whether these records have been previously reviewed by the Bureau for pertinent information regarding individuals in contact with World Tourist, Washington Field is instructed to immediately have an agent contact Mr. Mandel to examine the material in the possession of Mandel. Washington Field should determine whether there is new information in this material that would justify preparation of Photostats of it by the Bureau and the Bureau should be promptly advised of the results of the review by Washington Field.

1 - New York

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(5)MAIL ROOM ☐

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-3030)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-2916) DATE: 1/12/59

SUBJECT: ROUND THE WORLD TOURIST, aka.  
World Tourist Incorporated  
ISA of 1950; RA  
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

ReBulet to Los Angeles, 12/16/58, and  
Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 11/26/58, both captioned  
"HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES" (HCUA),  
reflecting the interest of the HCUA in companies and  
individuals engaged in selling or transmitting parcels  
behind the Iron Curtain.

The Bureau directed the attention of the  
NY and Los Angeles Offices to subject case plus the  
following cases in connection with this matter, and requested  
that NY and LA review their files for pertinent information  
not previously submitted to the Bureau in a form suitable  
for dissemination.

WYNN TOURS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

- 6 - Bureau (97-3030) (RM)
  - (1-61-6328) (World Tourist, Inc.)
  - (1-61-7582) (HCUA)
  - (1-97-3341) (Wells Tours)
  - (1-105-52803) (Wynn Tours)
- 5 - Los Angeles (105-761) (RM)
  - (1-62-1664) (HCUA)
  - (1-97-290) (Wells Tours)
  - (1-105-3886) (Wynn Tours)
- 1 - New York (97-13) (World Tourist, Inc.)
- 1 - New York (100-115609) (HCUA)
- 1 - New York (105-33572) (Wells Tours)
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**WELLS TOURS  
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A review of New York files made during December, 1958, and January, 1959, failed to reflect any pertinent information not previously furnished to the Bureau and Los Angeles in the matter of Round the World Tourist, aka., World Tourist, Inc.

New York files were also reviewed concerning World Tourist, Inc., which company ceased all activity in 1951, inasmuch as Round the World Tourist, aka., was formerly the Los Angeles branch of World Tourist, Inc. No additional information was noted.

New York files contained no information identifiable with Wynn Tours or Wells Tours. RUC.

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Date: 12/17/58

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-6328)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-16855)

WORLD TOURIST, INCORPORATED  
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ReWFOlet 12/9/58.

On 12/16/58, BEN MANDEL, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, telephonically contacted WFO to SA CARL E. GRAHAM and stated that one CARLEY C. JOHNSON was scheduled to appear before the subcommittee on 12/17/58, and in connection therewith, MANDEL needed information contained in one or the other of the cash books of World Tourist which MANDEL had loaned to this office on 11/14/58. The pertinent books are 2 cash books of World Tourist covering the periods of March, 1929, to December, 1930, and the period of August, 1938, to September, 1939.

In accordance with his request, these 2 books were returned to Mr. MANDEL 12/16/58. At the time of returning them, MANDEL stated that if the Bureau has need for these 2 books or the remaining 9 cash books, he will make them available at any time on a loan basis.

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Director, FBI (61-6328)-149

WORLD TOURIST, INCORPORATED  
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Reference is made to WFO airtel dated 12-17-58, captioned as above, and to WFO letter dated 12-9-58 in this matter.

For the information of WFO, Ben Mandel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, was advised on 12-22-58 that the Bureau did not contemplate making Photostats of the material in his possession consisting of cash books of the old World Tourist organization. In view of this, WFO should take no further action relative to this matter.

1 - New York (97-13)

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NOTE: WFO was previously requested to contact Ben Mandel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, after Mandel advised the Bureau that he had 11 cash books of the old World Tourist organization which might be of possible interest to the Bureau. WFO examined these and found that they were Photostats of material formerly in the possession of the Department of State; that these records were obtained at the time of the investigation of the World Tourist organization in 1940 when Jacob Golos entered a plea of guilty to violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Golos was head of the World Tourist organization at that time and was Elizabeth Bentley's espionage superior. After examining the material, WFO pointed out that it would be of doubtful value to the Bureau due to the lack of identifying data on the individuals listed in the books. A memorandum dated 12-17-58 from Mr. Branigan to Mr. Belmont recommended that we advise Mandel that we did not contemplate making Photostats of the material because of its age and lack of identifying data appearing therein. Mandel was so advised on 12-22-58. He indicated he was having a typed list made of the names and would furnish a copy to the Bureau.

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# United States Senate

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November 12, 1959

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Mr. C. D. DeLoach  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. DeLoach:

Enclosed herewith you will find a typewritten copy of names which are contained in a photostatic copy of the Cash Books of World Tourists from March 1929 to September 1939. It will be remembered that World Tourists was a Communist travel organization headed by Jacob Golos who was also the head of an underground Communist espionage ring operating in the United States.

The list includes the names of some important individuals who do not appear often elsewhere in any written record.

You may, if you like, incorporate these names in your files for future reference. The photostats are in the hands of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and you are privileged to make copies if you so desire.

It should be noted by way of caution that all the names appear in the Cash Books as handwritten records and that sometimes there is some difficulty in deciphering them. The information given in the Cash Books is not fully revealing, giving merely a date and a sum of money. Having all these factors in mind, you may use this record as you see fit.

Sincerely yours,

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BENJAMIN MANDEL  
Research Director  
Internal Security Subcommittee

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Brannigan to  
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WORLD TOURISTS, INC.  
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By letter dated November 12, 1959, Benjamin Mandel, Research Director, Internal Security Subcommittee, forwarded to Assistant Director C. D. DeLoach typewritten copies of names contained in Photostats of cash books of World Tourists, Inc., from March, 1929, to September, 1939. World Tourists was a Soviet-sponsored travel agency headed by Jacob Golos, who died in 1943. Golos was identified by Elizabeth Bentley as her Soviet espionage superior until the time of his death, in 1943. The lists furnished by Mr. Mandel contain approximately 4,000 names and there is no identifying data furnished with the names. In some instances only the last name appears and in many instances an initial appears for the first and middle name of the individual listed in the cash books of World Tourists. Mr. Mandel advised that the Internal Security Subcommittee has Photostats of these books and that the Bureau may make copies if it is desired to do so.

The original source of the cash books of World Tourists apparently was the Department of State. The records of World Tourists were subpoenaed in 1940. At the time, the organization and Jacob Golos were charged with violation of the Registration Act. It is from these records that the State Department determined that a number of communists were obtaining passports that were being paid for through Communist Party funds. From a review of the list of names furnished by Mr. Mandel it has been determined that many of the names are the same as those of well-known security subjects on whom the Bureau has previously conducted investigations. There is, however, no identifying data with the names appearing on the lists and it is therefore not possible to definitely state that the names on the lists furnished by Mr. Mandel are identical with those of known security subjects.

Furthermore the appearance of a name on the lists does not necessarily mean that the person had subversive connections or that the person actually traveled to Russia. For this reason no definite conclusion can be drawn in so far as the purpose of the contact of the individual with World Tourists is concerned.

We have consulted the Record Section for an opinion as to the value of indexing these names and it appears that an indexing project would involve considerable time and expense with no particular value

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Re: World Tourists, Inc.  
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to be derived from the indexing because of the lack of identifying data. Furthermore it is noted that the lists cover the years 1929 through 1939 and that in all probabilities a considerable number of the persons whose names appear in the early records of World Tourists are now deceased.

In the event we desire to refer to the cash books of World Tourists in connection with any investigation we would want to check the original record, if it was available, and in the absence of the original record we would want to examine the Photostats which are available in the files of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee according to Mr. Mandel's letter of November 12, 1959.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, it is felt that no useful purpose will be served by maintaining the typewritten lists furnished by Mr. Mandel, and it is, therefore, recommended that the lists of names from the cash books of World Tourists be destroyed.

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NY T-1 (b)(1)  
October, 1954

Source furnished records which reflected World Tourists, Inc. is a New York corporation chartered on June 10, 1927, with an authorized capital of \$50,000. U

NY T-3  
No date available

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, New York City, reflect the purpose of the formation of World Tourists, Inc., was to "arrange and map out travel tours between the United States and foreign countries and in connection therewith prepare, buy, purchase and distribute booklets and information rates, travelling facilities between the United States and foreign countries." U

Source, [REDACTED] advised in 1941, World Tourists, Inc., was organized in May, 1927 to establish a travel bureau which would become one of the sources of money for the "Daily Worker", and would also create interest in tourist travel in the Soviet Union. U

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(b)(7)(D) In what the source claimed was a written report made [REDACTED] to the corporation, he stated, in part, that World Tourists, Inc. had given to the Party press large sums of money and, in addition, had aided the Party directly in a financial way, and also indicated that loans running into the thousands of dollars had been sent to the Party, the Party press and the Party printing plants, etc, to enable them to tide over a serious crisis. U

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Source furnished a photostat of a document entitled "Memorandum of Proposals as to World Tourists", which revealed that World Tourists, Inc., was a commercial organization established to take charge of all steamship tickets, tours, hotels, railway passengers and arrangements for the comfort of passengers and their transportation to Soviet Russia or elsewhere. U

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)  
New York City  
1941

On September 1 and 2, 1948, source made available information pertaining to World Tourists, Inc.. Among the items furnished was a report, which, in part, stated as follows:

"Report of the Sub-Committee of the Central Control Committee of the Central Control Committee on the World Tourists, Inc."

"The World Tourists was established in 1927 for the purpose of helping the Party press financially. Since its organization they have sent 682 tourists to the USSR. Since last year, the business of the organization increased about 75%. During 1930, 320 tourists were sent over....". U

Under the heading, "Present Condition", this report, in part, reflected: U

"The organization, up until a few months ago, consisted of three members on the Board of Directors: Comrades M. GOODMAN, J. BRODSKY, the third member TRACHTENBERG being the Party representative in this organization....". U

NY T-115  
September 1 and 2, 1948

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Source in February, 1940, made available an agreement between World Tourists, Inc. and Intourist of Russia, dated May 7, 1930, whereby World Tourists became the agent of Intourist in the United States. U

ROBERT L. WEINER  
Assistant United States  
Attorney, Southern District  
of New York  
February, 1940

Source furnished information in 1941, which reflected JACOB GOLOS had advised that World Tourists, Inc. had no direct dealings with Russia since March, 1940, and that as a result of this World Tourists, Inc. had let its registration lapse because of the inactivity. All funds collected by World Tourists, Inc. were turned over under their license to the United States Service and Shipping Company, and these funds represented the cost of sending packages to Russia. It was reported World Tourists, Inc., was then solely engaged in United States inland travel activities and acting as the New York representative for the United States Service and Shipping Company. U

NY T-116  
1941

The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. U

The records of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia reflect that on March 15, 1940, World Tourists, Inc. and JACOB RAISIN with alias J. N. GOLOS, individually plead guilty to the charge of not registering as an agent of the Soviet Government. World Tourists, Inc. was fined \$500 and JACOB RAISIN was sentenced to jail for four months to one year in addition to receiving a \$500 fine. U

Source advised in November, 1945, she recalled JACOB GOLOS having received a suspended sentence as a result of an investigation conducted in connection with World Tourists, Inc. In this connection, she stated that in the fall of 1940, GOLOS advised her that he desired to have one American corporation which would be able to handle all tourist, shipping and other matters between the United States and Russia. U

According to the source, about that same time GOLOS discussed this whole matter with EARL BROWDER, who, in turn, talked it over with LEM HARRIS. HARRIS reportedly introduced JOHN H. REYNOLDS to BROWDER and GOLOS. As a result of these negotiations, the United States Service and Shipping Corporation, located at 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City, was formed. The sum of \$20,000 was put up at the time the company was formed, \$15,000 of which was supplied by BROWDER and \$5,000 by JOHN H. REYNOLDS, who was to head the corporation. U

The basic purpose of forming this company was to ship packages to Russia. In this connection, World Tourists, Inc. became a receiving agent for the United States Service and Shipping Corporation and the United States Service and Shipping Corporation acted as a bookkeeping agent for all transactions concerning the shipping of packages to Russia. U

According to the source, the United States Service and Shipping Corporation started operations about April, 1941, with JOHN H. REYNOLDS as president and treasurer; ELIZABETH BENTLEY as vice president and secretary, and MAX SPECTOR, former employee of Amtorg Trading Corporation and a Communist, as assistant treasurer. U

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY,  
self-confessed former Soviet  
espionage agent  
November 30, 1945

Source advised EARL BROWDER had told her in 1944 that World Tourists, Inc. was wholly owned by the CP, USA, but had originally been commandeered by JACOB GOLOS for his use. BROWDER indicated he considered the situation concerning World Tourists, Inc., and the United States Service and Shipping Corporation in 1944 as very dangerous inasmuch as both companies were involved in Russian espionage activities. BROWDER desired ELIZABETH BENTLEY to <sup>take</sup> complete charge of World Tourists, Inc. for the CP, USA. U

According to the source, the Russians were anxious to effect a separation of World Tourists, Inc. and the United States Service and Shipping Corporation and the CP, USA, and, in this connection, considered getting someone to take JOHN H. REYNOLDS' interests or possibly getting someone to front for REYNOLDS in the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. U

In January or February, 1945, as a result of negotiations between the Russians and EARL BROWDER, with ELIZABETH BENTLEY acting as a go-between, it was decided World Tourists, Inc. would be turned over to BROWDER and the CP, USA, and the Russians were to take over the United States Service and Shipping Corporation. It was arranged that when the Russians took over they were to reimburse BROWDER for the \$15,000 that was originally put into the United States Service and Shipping Corporation by BROWDER and the CP, USA. U

Source related BROWDER subsequently was ousted from the CP in 1945, and subsequent to his ouster, repeated attempts were made by the CP, through LEM HARRIS, to collect this \$15,000 previously advanced. However, the CP was unsuccessful and the only money repaid was to BROWDER, who received \$3,000 from the United States Service and Shipping Corporation through ELIZABETH BENTLEY. U

Source added the United States Service and Shipping Corporation went out of business in October, 1946. U

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, supra  
No date available

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The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Foley Square, New York City, reflect the United States Service and Shipping Corporation was incorporated on February 20, 1941, under the laws of New York State. The authorized capital stock of the corporation was \$50,000 and its offices were located at 120 Broadway, New York City. The directors and subscribers to the capital stock were listed as:

JOSEPH F. MANN

DONALD A. POWELL

CHARLES S. BANNERMAN, all of 120 Broadway, New York City.

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DEPARTMENT OF  
GERMAN LITERATURE AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

January 14, 1974

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

On December 11, 1973 you wrote to Professor James K. Lyon of our University of Florida Department of German. Your files concerning Bertolt Brecht can be obtained for \$160. Dr. Lyon will obtain letters from Brecht's heirs granting their approval.

Dr. Lyon has asked the University of Florida Libraries to furnish the funds for the purchase of the Brecht xerox. If funds are furnished, may we ask if this material can be placed in our library collection? Will the general public be allowed access to it?

Dr. Lyon and other researchers are very excited about the new sources of information which may be available. We have had requests to inquire about available FBI material on the following:

1. Elizabeth Bentley
2. Whittaker Chambers
3. Ernest Hemingway
4. John Dos Passos

Thank you for any information you can give us in this matter.

*Ray Jones*  
Ray Jones  
Social Sciences  
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Mr. Ray Jones  
Research Librarian  
Department of Reference and  
Bibliography  
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Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter of January 14th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry regarding Dr. James K. Lyon's request for information from our files concerning Bertolt Brecht, this Bureau has no objection to the documents we furnish Dr. Lyon becoming a part of your library's collection for the use of the general public.

A review of our indices indicates we have voluminous references on Elizabeth Bentley, Whittaker Chambers, Ernest Hemingway, and John Dos Passos and it will be necessary to review all of these references to assure we identify all of the information pertaining to them. Pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 16.9, we are authorized to charge a prescribed rate for furnishing copies of information and the time spent searching and screening our records. Our files concerning the four individuals you mentioned consist of approximately 102,530 pages. Based on a preliminary estimate, we anticipate the cost to process your request to be \$16,300. A 25 percent deposit of \$4,075, payable by check or money order to the Treasury of the United States, will be required to initiate processing; however, payment of the deposit should not be interpreted as a guarantee that you will be furnished all of the material you have requested.

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Mr. Ray Jones

We extend to you the opportunity to confer with us in an attempt to reformulate your request in a manner which will reduce the fees and still meet your needs.

If you wish to pursue your request, please indicate in writing your willingness to pay fees as high as are anticipated and enclose a deposit as mentioned above. Thereafter, we will acknowledge receipt of your deposit and advise you when we can begin the necessary processing.

Sincerely yours,

*C. M. Kelley*

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing identifiable with correspondent. The main files concerning the individuals concerned are: Elizabeth Bentley - 134-435, 65-56402, 65-6122, 61-6328, and 9-16655; Whittaker Chambers - 65-56402, 74-1333, and 100-25824; Ernest Hemingway - 64-23312 (approximately 400 see references); and John Dos Passos - 97-2497 (approximately 300 see references).